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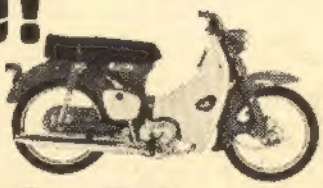

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SUPERMAN

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YOU'VE READ OF MANY A BOLD OUTLAW
AND HOW EACH CAME TO GRIEF;
BUT MEET THE BOLDEST YOU EVER SAW
IN THE BALLAD OF *SUPER-THIEF!*

NOW *SUPER-THIEF* WAS A CLEVER CROOK;
HIS BAG WAS TO STEAL AND ROB.
WHATEVER HE WANTED HE ALWAYS TOOK;
AND HE NEVER BUNGLED A JOB.

IT SEEMED HIS EVIL WOULD NEVER CEASE,
AS HE CARRIED OUT EACH FOUL PLAN.
HE APPEARED TO BAFFLE THE BEST POLICE...
BUT WHAT ABOUT *SUPERMAN?*

WHY DIDN'T THE HERO ARREST THE HEEL?
THE ANSWER'S BEYOND BELIEF...
THE SECRET LIFE OF THE *MAN OF STEEL...*

ALIAS SUPER-THIEF!

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A STRANGE SIGHT! SUPERMAN APPEARS ONE DAY AT THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE AND SEEKS THE AID OF...CLARK KENT!

HERE ARE OUR FILES ABOUT YOUR RECENT FEATS, SUPERMAN! I HOPE YOU CAN FIND A CLUE IN THEM THAT WILL HELP YOU RECALL YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!

THANKS! ONE THING I'M SURE OF... I COULDN'T BE CLARK KENT, OR I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO MEET YOU FACE TO FACE LIKE THIS!

SUPERMAN SAVES METROPOLIS

SUPERMAN DISCOVERS LOST CONTINENT

MAN OF STEEL ROUNDS UP COUNTERFEITERS

SUPERMAN REBUILDS A RESERVOIR

BUT AS WE ALL KNOW, THAT IS SUPERMAN'S OTHER IDENTITY... AND THE MAN HE FACES IS A FAKE CLARK KENT, MADE UP TO LOOK LIKE THE REAL CLARK...

LITTLE DOES ANYONE SUSPECT I'M A SPY ON AN UNDERCOVER MISSION! SNEAKING INTO THE PLANET OFFICE ONE NIGHT, WHEN KENT WAS WORKING LATE, I KNOCKED HIM OUT, AND...

"...SENT HIM TO HIS DEATH IN A REMOTE-CONTROLLED HELICOPTER!"

WHAT THE ESPIONAGE AGENT DID NOT KNOW WAS THAT CLARK SURVIVED AS SUPERMAN... BUT WITH COMPLICATIONS!

I-I CAN'T SEEM TO REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED! MY OUTER CLOTHES BURNED OFF! WHAT WAS MY OTHER IDENTITY? IN DAILY LIFE? WHO AM I? HOW DID I GET AMNESIA?

THE ANSWER IS THAT PREVIOUSLY, DURING THE STRUGGLE WITH THE SPY, CLARK'S ELBOW HAD JAMMED DOWN ON THE KEYBOARD OF A SUPER-COMPUTER FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION, WHICH SHOT FORTH AN AMNESIA RAY!

MY THOUGHTS... GETTING FUZZY... BUT NOT FROM A MERE BLOW ON MY HEAD! THAT STRANGE RAY!... MY MIND IS GOING BLANK!

AND SO, SUPERMAN IS STILL SEEKING HIS "LOST IDENTITY"...

NOT A SINGLE CLUE IN THOSE CLIPPINGS! HMM... TWICE I MADE A MISTAKE AND ADOPTED THE WRONG IDENTITIES!* FROM NOW ON, I'LL JUST CARRY ON MY REGULAR DUTIES, SUCH AS CRUSHING CRIME!

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*IN ISSUE NO. 371, SUPERMAN TOOK THE PLACE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. AND IN NO. 372, HE THOUGHT HE WAS THE FAMOUS WRESTLER, THE MASKED SUPERMAN. -Ed.

AT THE POLICE STATION, SUPERMAN GETS BRIEFED ON THE NEWS OF THE CRIME FRONT!

THERE'S THE CRIMINAL WE WANT THE MOST, SUPERMAN! HIS SPECTACULAR ROBBERIES ARE ALL FOR BIG LOOT!

HMM... SUPER-THIEF, EH? SOUNDS LIKE A MOCKERY OF ME. I'LL TRY TO FIND HIS HIDEOUT, CHIEF!

"WANTED!"

JUD BLAKE ALIAS SUPER-THIEF PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1

THE METROPOLIS MARVEL SEARCHES EVERYWHERE FOR HOURS, BUT...

I'VE CHECKED EVERY LIKELY PLACE, BUT NO LUCK! GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP AND GO BACK ON MY ROUTINE PATROL!

MEANWHILE, AT THE STATE PRISON, A JAILBREAK IS BREWING!

MY PALS SMUGGLED IN ENOUGH PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE, TO BLOW OPEN THE WALL! LIGHT THE FUSE!

COME ON, ALL OF YOU! THIS'LL BE THE GREATEST JAILBREAK IN HISTORY! THE WALL GUARDS GOT STUNNED AND FELL OFF!

KABOOM!

A HUNDRED DESPERATE CONVICTS DASH FOR FREEDOM, BUT AMAZINGLY...

HEY!

WE SAW THE WALL GO DOWN!

YUK!

OOPS!

HOW COME WE RAN INTO HARD STONE?

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THE ANSWER LIES ON THE OTHER SIDE!

I WAS PATROLLING NEARBY WHEN I HEARD THE EXPLOSION! WORKING AT SUPER-SPEED, I'LL PUT THE WALL UP AGAIN IN **SECONDS**! NOT VERY NEAT, BUT IT'LL STEM THAT CONVICT HORDE!

BUT ONE PRISONER DID MANAGE TO SLIP THROUGH THE BREACH BEFORE I BEGAN REBUILDING THE WALL! I'LL CHASE HIM DOWN NOW!

WAIT! THE CHIEF SHOWED ME PICTURES OF **SUPER-THIEF'S** GANG, AND THAT'S "DUKE" DUGAN, WHO WAS JAILED A FEW YEARS AGO! I'M IN LUCK! I'LL FOLLOW HIM TO **SUPER-THIEF'S** HIDEOUT!

LATER, AS SUPERMAN USES HIS AMAZING X-RAY VISION...

YEAH, I'M BACK! BUT WHERE'S THE BOSS?

WISH WE KNEW, DUKE! HE'S BEEN MISSING FOR THREE WEEKS!

THEN I CAN'T NAB THE BIG BOY, SUPER-THIEF!

BUT I DID SPOT SOMETHING ELSE... A BIG UNDERGROUND VAULT! I'LL CHECK INTO THAT!

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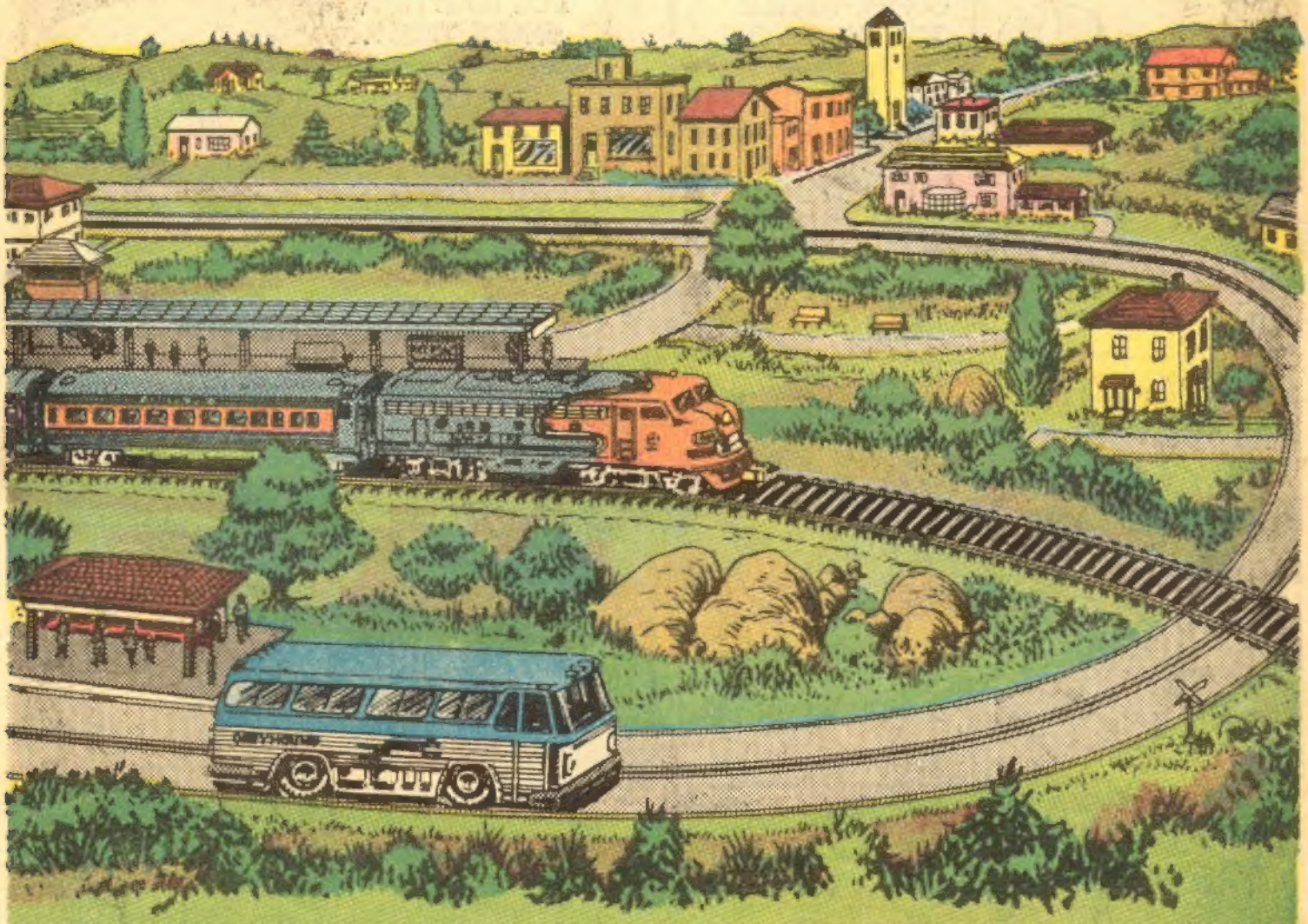

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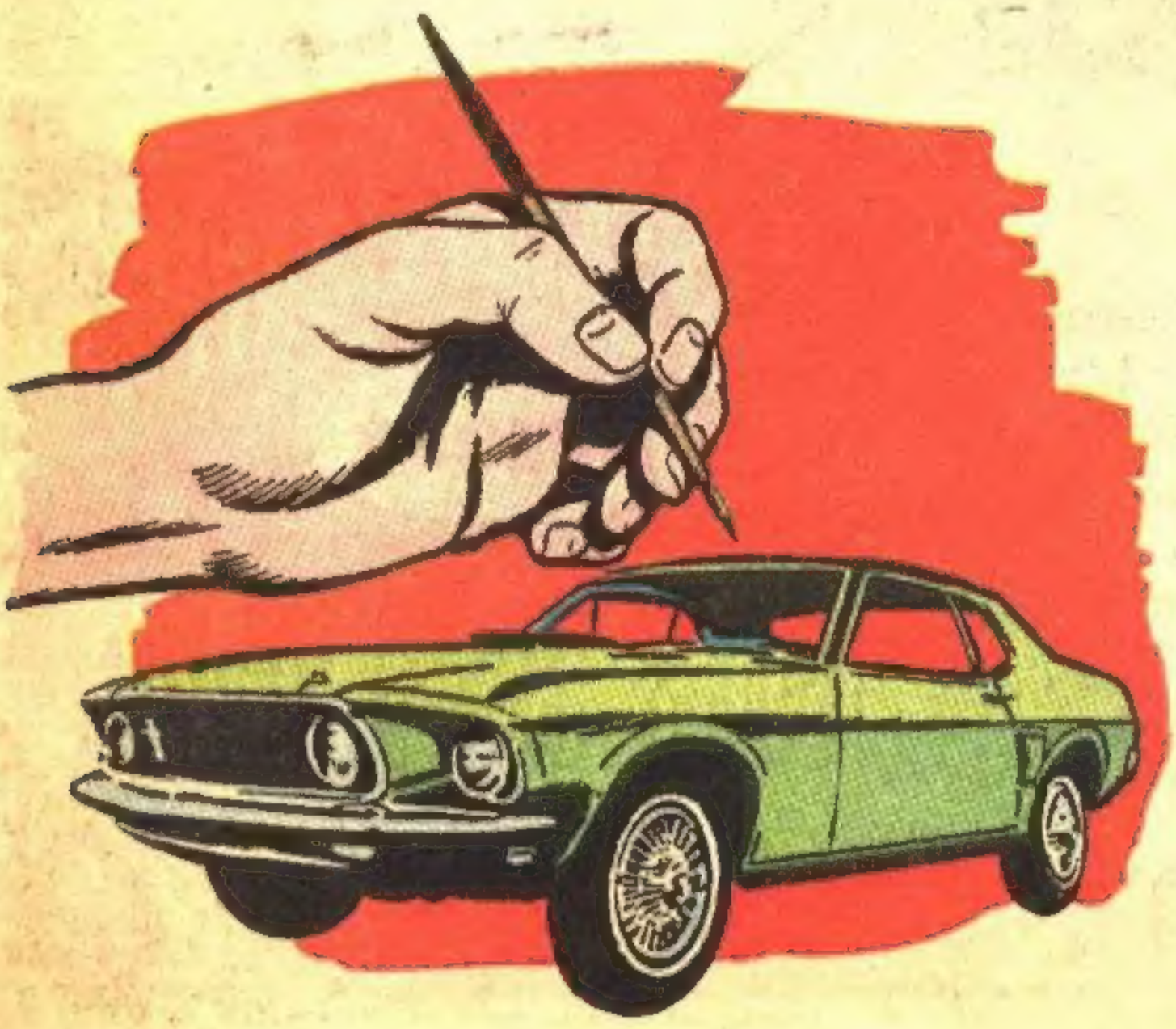
THAT PLANE CAN'T LAND. ONE OF HIS TIRES BLEW OUT!
HENRY BOLTINOFF
SUPER-TURTLE TO THE RESCUE.
I'LL TAKE UP A SPARE TIRE...
AND CHANGE IT IN MID-AIR.
THANKS, SUPER-TURTLE. YOU SAVED A LOT OF LIVES!
THAT WAS EASY. IF IT WAS ON THE GROUND I'D HAVE TO JACK IT UP!



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1969 Ford Mustang

I BROKE IN QUIETLY! AHA...SUPER-THIEF'S LOOT! WHEN HE RETURNS, I CAN NAB HIM WITH THE GOODS AND END THE CAREER OF PUBLIC ENEMY NO.1!

AS SUPERMAN CHECKS THE ENTIRE VAULT, AND YANKS OPEN A LOCKED CLOSET...

WHAT'S THIS? A PAINTING OF ME? WHY WOULD SUPER-THIEF SECRETLY KEEP THAT HERE?

STILL MORE STARTLING...

KRYPTONITE NEVER TO BE USED

ULPS!...I WON'T OPEN THAT LEADEN CHEST! BUT IF THESE CRIMINALS HAD KRYPTONITE, THEY'D BE SURE TO USE IT AGAINST ME, NOT FORBID IT! GREAT KRYPTON! THIS ALL ADDS UP TO...} GASP!

...TO MY SECRET IDENTITY! AMNESIA STRUCK ME THREE WEEKS AGO, JUST WHEN SUPER-THIEF VANISHED! AND IT LOOKS LIKE I HAD THIS SET OF RUBBER FACE-MASKS TO WEAR, WITH A FALSE SCAR, HIDDEN HERE, IN THE SAME CLOSET WITH THE KRYPTONITE!

THIS SUIT OF CLOTHES FITS ME PERFECTLY, TOO! I'M NOT SURE YET, BUT I'LL PLAY THIS OUT AND SEE IF I'M A PART-TIME GANG CHIEF! I'LL WEAR THIS MASK AND GO BACK TO THE HIDEOUT!

BOSS, YOU? BUT WHERE WERE YOU... URK!

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, PUNK! I'M BACK, THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS! NOW LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS... CRIME BUSINESS, THAT IS! I'VE DECIDED WE'LL LAY OFF FOR A MONTH OR SO!

✓ RARE SILVER COLLECTION
✓ DIAMOND EXHIBIT
✓ PLATINUM TROPHY
✓ VALUABLE FOSSILS
"ICE ON ICE" JOB AT ICE CAPADES
MILLION-DOLLAR HEIST OF RADIO-ISOTOPES
GOLD BULLION

BUT, BOSS! DID YOU FORGET YOUR **CRIME CHART?** YOU RETURNED JUST IN TIME TO PULL OUR NEXT SCHEDULED JOB... **TONIGHT!**

ULP! I'M... UH... STUCK! I HAVE TO ROB THE ICE CAPADES!

THAT NIGHT, AT THE INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS **ICE CAPADES** SHOW, AS A COLORFUL NUMBER COMES ON...

COME, YOU WILL BE MY BRIDE, PRINCESS!

OH! THE CRUEL CALIPH HAS IMPRISONED ME IN THIS MAGIC JEWEL! WHERE, OH, WHERE, IS MY RESCUER, THE **THIEF OF BAGHDAD!**

BUT INSTEAD OF THE **THIEF OF BAGHDAD**, THE **SUPER-THIEF** APPEARS!

OKAY, MEN! LET THE PRINCESS OUT AND NAB THAT "MAGIC JEWEL"! THERE'S A FORTUNE IN **REAL JEWELS** PASTED AROUND THAT PLASTIC BALL PRISON!

STOP... STOP!

OH, OH! SKATING GUARDS! THEY'LL CUT OFF MY HOODS UNLESS I USE MY SUPER-BREATH TO **SUPER-COOL** THE ICE HUNDREDS OF DEGREES BELOW ZERO!

AS EVERYONE KNOWS, IF ICE IS TOO COLD AND HARD, IT BECOMES **TOO SLIPPERY** FOR ANYONE TO SKATE ON! DOWN THEY GO!

YIKES!

UGGH!

OUTSIDE THE RINK...

UP INTO OUR TRUCK WITH IT, MEN! THAT SIGN WILL SCARE OFF ANY SNOOPERS!

DOWN IN THE VAULT, LATER...

A SUPER-HAUL BY THE **SUPER-THIEF!** GREAT WORK, BOSS!

YES, BUT... UH... **WHY** WOULD I PULL ROBBERIES LIKE THIS? WHAT WOULD I DO WITH THAT LOOT? HOW CAN I BE **SUPER-THIEF** WHEN IT'S AGAINST MY INSTINCTS TO BREAK THE LAW?

SUPERMAN *SENDS HIS HOODS UPSTAIRS, AND PREPARES TO RETURN THE LOOT, WHEN SUDDENLY...*

HALT!

GREAT STARS! ONE OF MY SUPER-ROBOTS! HOW DID HE GET HERE?

BUT WAIT, NOW I CAN FIND OUT THE TRUTH...

ROBOT... WHAT IS MY SECRET IDENTITY?

YOUR SECRET IDENTITY, MASTER? YOU ARE PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1, ALIAS SUPER-THIEF!

OH, NO! MY ROBOTS NEVER LIE! TH-THEN I'M LEADING A DOUBLE LIFE AS A SUPER-HERO... AND A SUPER-CROOK! IF I ONLY KNEW WHY... ;GROAN!;

THE ROBOT GOES ON TO EXPLAIN...

YOU SENT ME OUT ON A SPACE PATROL, MASTER! DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

NO, THAT'S THE TROUBLE! MY MEMORY'S BLANK! BUT SINCE YOU IDENTIFY ME AS SUPER-THIEF, THAT PROVES WHO I AM! GO BACK IN THE CLOSET AND REMAIN THERE UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS!

I WONDER HOW LONG I'VE BEEN SUPER-THIEF? AND HOW MANY BIG ROBBERIES I'VE PULLED? I'LL SEARCH THE PLACE FOR CLUES, WITH MY X-RAY VISION!

SHORTLY...

AH! A LIST OF FENCES, OR CROOKS WHO TAKE STOLEN GOODS AND CASH THEM IN! IF I BRING THE ICE CAPADE JEWEL LOOT TO "GEM" HORTON, MAYBE I'LL GET THE FULL PICTURE OF.. MY CRIME CAREER!

SILVER ANTIQUES... "FOXY" FAGAN
RARE STAMPS... "DEALER" WHEELER
FURS... "MINKS" BAKER
JEWELS... "GEM" HORTON
HORTON CANDY FACTORY

AND AFTER REACHING THE GIVEN ADDRESS...

HORTON, I'LL DUMP THIS ICE CAPADES LOOT IN THE CHOCOLATE VAT!

GOOD, SUPER-THIEF! THAT WAY, THE COPS NEVER CATCH ME WITH THE GOODS!

BUT I'VE CAUGHT YOU RED-HANDED, HORTON! I FOLLOWED SUPER-THIEF HERE!

THE F.B.I.! BUT I'VE GOT A NICE EASTER EGG READY FOR GUYS LIKE YOU...

...WHICH IS REALLY A GAS-GRENADE FILLED WITH SLEEP-GAS! HA, HA!

WHY, YOU...UH...

:GASP...:

:CHOKE!:

LATER, OUT OF TOWN...

NOW TO JUMP OUT AND LET THE FBI AGENT FINISH THE RIDE...OVER THE EDGE OF THIS CLIFF! HA, HA!

GREAT STARS! GOT TO HURRY!

WAIT HERE, SUPER-THIEF, WHILE I GET RID OF THIS SNOOPING AGENT FOR GOOD!

KARASH

I MAY BE A THIEF, BUT I CAN'T LET A MAN DIE BECAUSE OF MY CRIME! GOT TO FOLLOW UP HORTON!

HORTON'S WATCHING ABOVE! I CAN'T LET HIM SEE ME, OR HE MIGHT CONNECT ME WITH SUPER-THIEF! THE CAR HAS TO CRASH!

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Lee Rider in "The Brand Rustlers"

LEE RIDER VISITS HIS UNCLE FRANK'S BIG X RANCH.

YOU LOOK LIKE A REAL COWBOY, LEE.

IT MUST BE MY LEE RIDERS. YOU LOOK WORRIED, UNCLE FRANK.

LOST 20 MORE HEAD OF CATTLE LAST NIGHT.

RUSTLERS?

LOOKS LIKE IT. BUT THAT NEW DOUBLE DIAMOND RANCH NEXT DOOR HASN'T BEEN RUSTLED YET.

I THINK I'LL TAKE A LOOK AROUND.

THAT NIGHT LEE "DROPS IN" AT THE DOUBLE DIAMOND.

THIS IS STRANGE. BRANDING CATTLE AT NIGHT?

THIS BRANDING IRON TELLS THE WHOLE STORY. NOW I KNOW HOW THE BIG X CATTLE ARE BEING RUSTLED. BETTER CALL THE SHERIFF.

LATER.

YOU DID IT, LEE. WOULDN'T HAVE CAUGHT THE RUSTLERS WITHOUT YOU.

HOW'D YOU FIGURE IT OUT?

THE BRANDING IRON, UNCLE FRANK. IT ISN'T A DOUBLE DIAMOND. BUT IT WOULD CHANGE A BIG X INTO A DOUBLE DIAMOND.

YOU SURE KNOW YOUR BRANDS.

ESPECIALLY THIS BRAND. THE LEE BRAND IS THE BRAND REAL COWBOYS WEAR.

Lee

BOYS! WEAR THE WESTERN PANTS THAT REAL COWBOYS WEAR - LEE RIDERS. THEY'RE TOUGH! THEY'RE CUT RIGHT! THEY HAVE THE GENUINE LEE BRAND ON EVERY PAIR.

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BUT I SUPER-BORED UNDERNEATH IN THE SAME SPLIT-SECOND, IN TIME TO USE MY SUPER-BREATH TO CUSHION THE AGENT AGAINST THE FORCE OF THE CRASH! HORTON WALKED AWAY WHEN HE HEARD THE CRASH!

AFTER FLYING THE FBI MAN TO A HOSPITAL, **SUPERMAN** RETURNS TO HORTON'S HIDE-OUT, ONLY TO FIND...

DESERTED! HORTON CLEARED OUT WITH ALL THE CHOCOLATE-COATED JEWELS! BUT PERFORMING THESE CRIMINAL ACTS REPULSES ME! I'M NOT GOING TO PULL THE NEXT JOB ON MY LIST, EVEN IF I AM **SUPER-THIEF!**

AT THE HIDEOUT, LATER...

HAVE A SANDWICH AND SODA, BOSS! THEN YOU CAN GIVE US THE LOW-DOWN ON PULLING THE NEXT JOB!

HMM... HOW SHALL I BREAK THE NEWS TO THEM THAT THERE **WON'T** BE A NEXT JOB?

AS TWO OF THE GANG CLEAN UP LATER IN THE NEXT ROOM, THEIR WHISPERS ARE PICKED UP BY **SUPERMAN'S** SUPER-HEARING...

PSST! HOW COME THE BOSS TOOK A HAM-AND-CHEESE SANDWICH? HE ALWAYS **HATED** THEM!

YEAH, AND WHY IS HE USING HIS **RIGHT** HAND WHEN HE'S **LEFT-HANDED?**

OH-OH!

BEFORE THEY GET TOO SUSPICIOUS OF ME, I'LL GIVE THEM SOMETHING ELSE TO THINK ABOUT... EVEN THOUGH IT MEANS PULLING ANOTHER JOB!

OKAY, BOYS! PUT ON THE PROTECTIVE SUITS AND LET'S GET GOING ON THAT *RADIO-ISOTOPE HEIST!*

SHORTLY, AT A SCIENTIFIC LAB...

WE'LL SHOOT DOWN ANY GUARDS OR SCIENTISTS IN OUR WAY...

STOP, YOU DUMBHEADS! THAT'S TOO... UH... CRUDE! LET ME HANDLE IT MY WAY, ALONE, SEE?

INSIDE, SUPERMAN USES AN EMERGENCY DOOR TO ENTER THE "HOT" REACTOR CHAMBER ITSELF, IGNORING THE DEADLY RADIOACTIVE RAYS WHICH BOMBARD HIM... AND BURN OFF HIS SUPER-THIEF DISGUISE...

I'LL AVOID THE GUARDS BY FLYING ACROSS THIS FISSION CHAMBER, STRAIGHT TO THE ROOM WHERE RADIO-ISOTOPES ARE HANDLED! I CAN EXIT THROUGH ANOTHER EMERGENCY DOOR AHEAD!

I'LL USE SUPER-VENTRILOQUISM TO GET RID OF THOSE SCIENTISTS...

RED ALERT! REACTOR MALFUNCTION! ALL PERSONNEL GO TO SAFETY ROOM!

ULP! ...LET'S GO!

NOW I CAN CONTROL THAT SERVO-MECHANISM AND DUMP THE RADIO-ISOTOPES INTO LEAD BOXES!

NEXT, WITH ANOTHER DEVICE, I'LL LOAD THE LOOT INTO OUR TRUCK! THOSE VALUABLE ISOTOPES, MADE FOR HOSPITAL USE, ARE WORTH A COOL MILLION!

WHATTA YA KNOW? THE BOSS DID IT! GUESS WE CAN SHUCK THESE PROTECTIVE SUITS!

AND SHORTLY...

I'M GLAD I CARRIED A SPARE SUPER-THIEF OUTFIT IN MY CAPE'S POUCH, TO PUT ON BEFORE I REJOINED THE MEN!

GET ROLLING! TAKE THAT DIRT ROAD AHEAD, AS WE PLANNED!

BUT SUDDENLY, AS THE TRUCK HITS A BUMP...

GREAT MOONS OF KRYPTON! ONE LEAD BOX IS FALLING OFF THE TRUCK AND SPILLING OUT A CHUNK OF DEADLY RADIOACTIVE MATTER!

IF I THROW IT OFF THIS TRUCK, IT MAY HARM OTHER PEOPLE! BUT IF I DON'T, MY GANG WILL GET RADIATION SICKNESS...

THUMP

...SO I'LL SWALLOW IT! THE DEADLY RAYS CAN'T PENETRATE MY INVULNERABLE BODY!

AT THE MOB'S HIDEOUT...

LOAD THE LOOT IN OUR UNDERGROUND VAULT, MEN! I'M TAKING A WALK FOR... SOME FRESH AIR!

AND TO THINK THIS OUT! HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN A CRIMINAL? WHY DID I TURN TO CRIME? I MUST GET THE ANSWERS ...FROM AN EXPERT!

AND SOON, IN A PSYCHIATRIST'S OFFICE...

IT SEEMS ODD FOR ME TO COME TO AN ANALYST, DOC! BUT BELIEVE ME, I'M HAVING REAL PERSONALITY PROBLEMS! I DON'T UNDERSTAND MYSELF!

SUPPOSE WE START WITH THE WORD-ASSOCIATION TEST? WHAT COMES INTO YOUR MIND WHEN I SAY...

NOISE...

GUN!

ROB!

LOOT!

KILL!

GOLD...

BANK...

POLICEMAN...

INCREDIBLE, SUPERMAN! YOUR ANSWERS WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE YOU HAVE CRIMINAL TENDENCIES! BUT, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HA! HA!

IMPOSSIBLE? NO, IT'S TRUE... I'M SURE OF IT NOW!

PRESENTLY, IN A CONDEMNED WAREHOUSE, THE AGONIZED MAN OF MIGHT PACES THE FLOOR!

SO ACTUALLY, I'VE ONLY BEEN MASQUERADING AS A SUPER-HERO, WHILE I SECRETLY OPERATED AS KING OF THE UNDERWORLD!

KLANG!

KA-RASH!

I'M A SHAM! A FRAUD! A JEKYLL-HYDE! A CRIMINAL WOLF IN SUPER-CLOTHING!

DISTRAUGHT, SUPERMAN DOES NOT NOTICE THE DAMAGE WROUGHT BY HIS THOUGHTLESS KICK!

EVEN IF I TURN MYSELF IN, NO JAIL BUILT COULD HOLD ME, ONCE MY EVIL NATURE TOOK CHARGE! THAT IS, UNLESS... HEY, DID I HEAR A NOISE?..

RRRUMMMBLE

"CONDEMNED"... THE BUILDING AND ME BOTH! I'M CONDEMNED TO A LIFE OF LARCENY! I'M IN TOO DEEP TO WEASEL OUT OF IT NOW! ONCE A SUPER-THIEF, ALWAYS A RAT!

CONDEMNED BUILDING

IN THE UNDERGROUND VAULT, THERE'S A SURPRISE FOR "SUPER-THIEF"...

GREAT GUNS! IT'S MY DOUBLE!

HEY, WHO ARE YOU? I'M SUPER-THIEF, SO YOU'RE AN IMPOSTOR! YOU PULLED THE RADIO-ISOTOPE HEIST WHILE POSING AS ME!

SUDDENLY, BEFORE SUPERMAN CAN ANSWER...

"GEM" HORTON!

YES, SUPER-THIEF! MEET "FOXY" FAGAN, "DEALER" WHEELER AND MY OTHER FENCE PALS!

WE CAUGHT ON-TO YOUR RACKET-- TO FINGER US FENCES FOR THE FBI! YOU LED THE FEDERAL FUZZ TO OUR HIDEOUTS TO NAB US WITH THE GOODS! ONLY WE GOT AWAY!

HEY, LOOK! THERE ARE TWO SUPER-THIEVES!

NO, THERE AREN'T, GENTS! THE OTHER ONE MUST BE THE McCOY!

SUPERMAN! HE'S SHEDDIN' OUR SLUGS LIKE A DUCK SHEDS WATER!

GIVE UP?

NO, BIG MAN! FREEZE... OR I'LL PRESS A BUTTON AND THIS "EASTER EGG" BOMB'LL BLOW US ALL SKY-HIGH! DO YOU WANTA HAUL A BUNCH OF STIFFS TO THE COPS?

JUST AS THE MAN OF STEEL SEEMS STYMIED...

I'LL TAKE THAT EGG, HORTON!

TWO SUPERMEN! THE JOINT IS CRAWLIN' WITH DOUBLES!

NICE GOING, ROBOT! YOU STEPPED IN JUST AT THE RIGHT MOMENT!

AND WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE, THERE'S ANOTHER SURPRISE...

HERE THEY ARE... FENCES WHO SPECIALIZED IN DISPOSING OF VARIOUS KINDS OF LOOT... AND THEIR BIGGEST CLIENT... SUPER-THIEF!

THANKS... BUT WE DON'T WANT HIM!

WHAT?

HORTON WAS RIGHT! I AM AN FBI AGENT! A YEAR AGO, THE REAL SUPER-THIEF WAS KILLED IN A POLICE AMBUSH, BUT WE HUSHED IT UP!

I TOOK HIS PLACE, AND EVEN FOOLED HIS GANG! WE'VE ROUNDED THEM UP ALREADY!

I PLANNED THE ROBBERIES TO GET LOOT TO TAKE TO THE FENCES! WHEN THEY BOUGHT THE STUFF FROM ME, THE POLICE, WHO WERE IN ON THE SCHEME, WOULD MOVE IN AND CATCH THOSE RATS WITH THE EVIDENCE!

BUT BEFORE I COULD MAKE MY MOVE, I WAS CALLED TO A SPECIAL FBI CONFERENCE!

THAT EXPLAINS YOUR "DISAPPEARANCE"!

RIGHT... THEN YOU STEPPED IN AND LED US RIGHT TO THE FENCES! NICE WORK!

THIS PAINTING OF YOU WAS PART OF THE LOOT IN AN ART-GALLERY HEIST! AND OF COURSE, I MADE SURE THAT KRYPTONITE WOULD NEVER BE USED AGAINST YOU!

EVERYTHING IS CLEAR EXCEPT WHY I GAVE A CRIMINAL'S ANSWERS TO THAT PSYCHIATRIST'S WORD-TEST!

IT'S SIMPLE, MASTER! WHEN I CONVINCED YOU THAT YOU WERE SUPER-THIEF, IT CAUSED A SUBCONSCIOUS REACTION WHICH MADE YOU ANSWER LIKE AN OUTLAW!

FINE.. BUT WHAT GAVE YOU THE IDEA I WAS SUPER-THIEF?

ONLY WE CAN GIVE THE FULL ANSWER TO THAT! WHEN THE ROBOT RETURNED FROM HIS SPACE PATROL TO REPORT TO CLARK KENT, HE WAS JUST IN TIME TO GET A DOSE OF THE AMNESIA RAY THAT STRUCK HIS MASTER...

THAT STRANGE RAY... WHAT IS IT DOING TO MY COMPUTERIZED BRAIN? MY MEMORY-BANKS ARE SHORT-CIRCUITING... WHO AM I?

WANDERING IN A DAZE, THE SUPER-ROBOT FINALLY LOCATED HIS MASTER WITH HIS SUPER-VISION, ONLY TO SEE HIM CHANGING TO HIS CRIMINAL ALIAS...

SO MY MASTER LEADS A DOUBLE LIFE AS SUPER-THIEF! I'LL HIDE IN THAT VAULT AND WAIT FOR HIM!

AND NOW, AS THE ROBOT'S SHORT-CIRCUITED BRAIN BECOMES OVERLOADED...

GREAT SPACE! BEFORE I COULD QUESTION HIM CLOSELY, MY ROBOT BLEW UP!

THAT LEAVES ME RIGHT WHERE I STARTED-- WHO AM I? WILL I EVER FIND MY LOST IDENTITY?

NEXT ISSUE:

SUPERMAN DECIDES TO CREATE A NEW IDENTITY... AND WINDS UP IN A SHOWDOWN WITH THE FALSE "CLARK KENT"!

END

SUPERGIRL

SUPERGIRL, YOU HAVE BEEN CONDEMNED AS A KILLER!...I SENTENCE YOU TO BE IMPRISONED IN THE 5TH CONTINUUM -- WITH THOSE OTHER SUPER-MURDERERS!

BUT THAT'S CRUEL AND INHUMAN PUNISHMENT! THAT HORRIBLE, PRISMATIC DIMENSION IS A HUNDRED TIMES WORSE THAN THE PHANTOM ZONE!

THEY SAY THE PUNISHMENT SHOULD FIT THE CRIME! BY THE ULTIMATE LAW, THE GIRL OF STEEL STANDS CONVICTED OF A GHASTLY MURDER! AND ACCORDING TO THE GRIM ALIEN CODE, THERE IS...

NO MERCY for Supergirl!

AS LINDA LEE DANVERS ATTENDS A BOTANY CLASS AT STANHOPE COLLEGE...

MY MICROSCOPE IS DAMAGED, BUT SINCE I'M SUPERGIRL, I CAN USE MY MICRO-SCOPIC VISION TO EXAMINE THE TINY, INNER PARTS OF THIS ROSE!

AND WHEN LINDA COMPLETES HER ASSIGNMENT...

A MAGNIFICENT STUDY OF THE PARTS OF A ROSE, MISS DANVERS! SUCH EXCELLENT WORK WITH THE MICROSCOPE DESERVES AN A!

THANK YOU, PROFESSOR!

A

LATER, IN ZOOLOGY CLASS...

A SPLENDID DISPLAY OF *LEPIDOPTERA*...OR *BUTTERFLIES*, LINDA! THAT *TIGER SWALLOW-TAIL* IS A BEAUTY. HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING AN ENTOMOLOGIST?.

ER...NO!

AN EXPERT ON *INSECTS*? MY CAREER AS *SUPERGIRL* KEEPS ME BUSY ENOUGH!

SOON, IN A SECRET ROOM BENEATH AN ABANDONED SMOKE-STACK AT *STANHOPE*, LINDA SWITCHES IDENTITIES...

NOW THAT MY CLASSES ARE FINISHED, I CAN TAKE OFF ON THAT MISSION FOR THE *W.H.O.**

*THE *WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION* OF THE *UNITED NATIONS*.

AS THE *GIRL OF STEEL* STREAKS ACROSS THE OCEAN...

DR. CARNEY, A NOBEL PRIZE WINNER, WAS TESTING A SERUM FOR *JUNGLE FEVER* WHEN HE DIED IN THE REMOTE CONGO!

THE *W.H.O* WANTS ME TO RECOVER HIS EXPERIMENTAL NOTES! THE SERUM *MAY* HAVE BEEN A SUCCESS!

BUT SHORTLY...

THERE'S DR. CARNEY'S ABANDONED LAB BELOW!

WHAT'S THIS? SOMETHING'S *CHANGING* MY FLIGHT PATH! I CAN'T SEEM TO LAND!

AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE...OVERWHELMING MY SUPER-POWERS... DRAWING ME UP TOWARD THAT STRANGE CRAFT HOVERING OVERHEAD!

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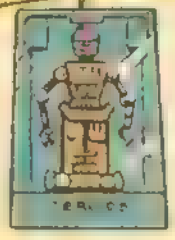

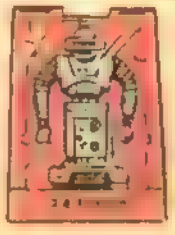

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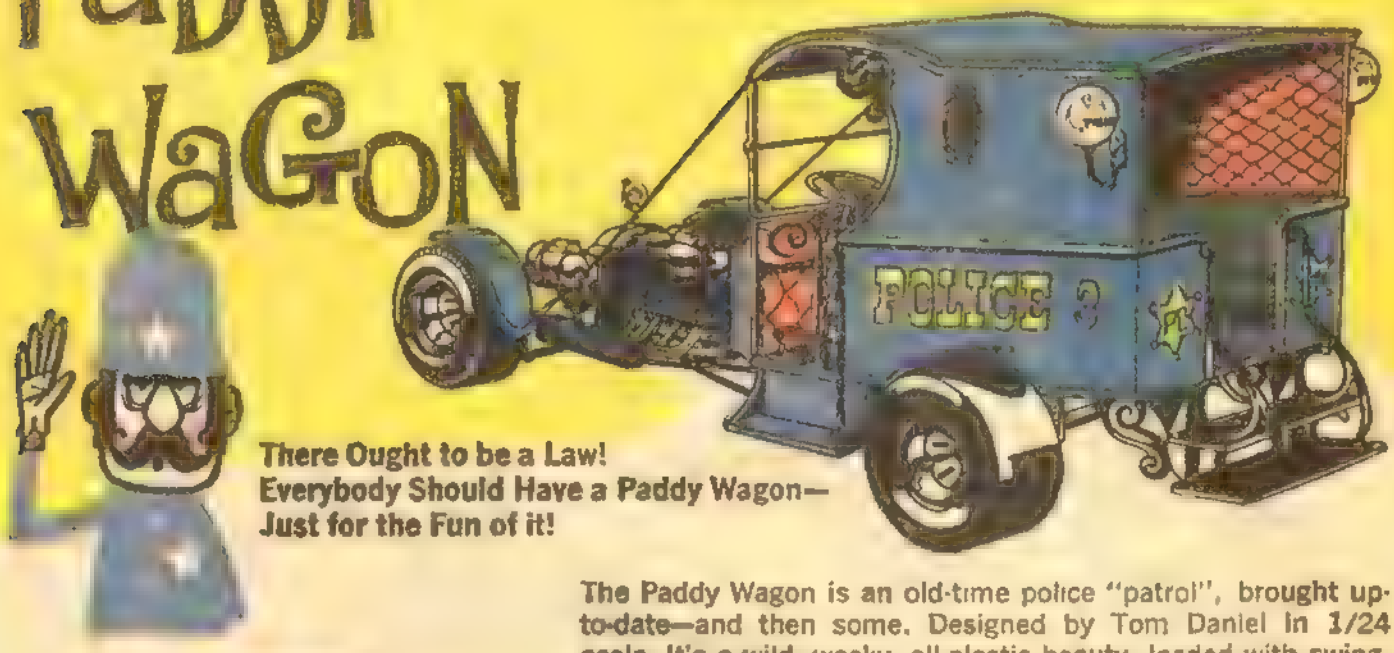

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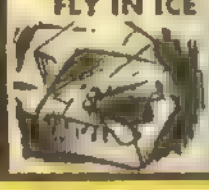

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WHO ARE YOU? HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO SHANGHAI ME?

HUMMMMM

CALL ME THE *AVENGER!* YOU WERE BROUGHT HERE BY A *POLARIZER BEAM* WHOSE POWER IS SIPHONED FROM A FARAWAY SUN OF MY GALAXY, *SARKON.*

I DON'T CARE WHERE YOU'RE FROM, MISTER! ON *THIS* WORLD WE HAVE LAWS AGAINST KIDNAPPING! SO YOU BETTER OPEN THE DOOR, OR...

OR *NOTHING!* MY POWERS ARE EQUAL TO YOURS, *SUPER-GIRL!*

I TAKE IT YOUR "POWERS" COME FROM THAT MACHINE! WHICH MEANS I CAN *DE-POWER* YOU WITH ONE CRACK AT THE CONTROLS.

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'LL *LET* YOU SMASH THEM?

CLICK!

AS THE *AVENGER* TRIPS A SWITCH...

MY FIST... SEEMED TO HIT AN *INVISIBLE WALL!*

CERTAINLY! I COULD HAVE STOPPED YOUR OUTBURST *PERSONALLY!* BUT I PREFERRED TO ACTIVATE MY *IMPENETRABLE FORCE-SHIELD,* INSTEAD!

KAPOW!

WELL, IF YOU THINK YOU CAN KEEP *ME* A PRISONER, YOU MUST HAVE A VACANCY IN YOUR UPPER STORY!

HALT! I HAVE NOT GIVEN YOU *PERMISSION* TO DEPART!

ZZZTT

INSTANTLY, THE STANHOPE SENSATION IS GRIPPED BY AN AWESOME FORCE...

I CAN'T MOVE! IT'S AS IF I WERE CHAINED!

YOU ARE CHAINED, SUPERGIRL--BY THE ENERGY I'M DRAWING FROM A RED SUN...WHICH CANCELS THE SUPER-POWERS YOU HAVE UNDER EARTH'S YELLOW SUN!

WHAT GIVES? ARE YOU SOME KIND OF INTERSTELLAR SLAVE-DEALER? OR DO YOU WANT RANSOM...?

NEITHER! I'M HERE TO BRING YOU TO JUSTICE! I'M FROM SARKON, A PLANET OF SUPER-BEINGS! WE LIVE UNDER ONE ULTIMATE LAW: YOU SHALL NOT KILL!

"FROM INFANCY, WE ARE TAUGHT NEVER TO DESTROY LIFE..."

BUT, FATHER... THE METAL FEATHERS ON THIS VIBRO-BIRD MAKE A DEAFENING SOUND! LET ME SILENCE HIM!

NO! YOU MUST NOT KILL! REMEMBER THE SACRED LAW!

TWANNNGGG! BRRRUNNGGG!

"TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE HARM NO LIVING THING, WE EVEN PROCESS OUR FOODS FROM LIFELESS MINERALS..."

"THE TRANSPORT TUBES DELIVER THE CONVERTED MINERALS TO US AS TASTY SYNTHETIC NUTRIENTS."

MMM! THE CULINARY CONVERTERS TURNED OUT A GOURMET MASTERPIECE TODAY!

ANYONE WHO VIOLATES THE CODE AGAINST KILLING IS SENT TO THE DREADED 5TH CONTINUUM ...TO REMAIN LOCKED FOREVER IN A WEIRD, PRISMATIC DIMENSION!

BRRR! SOUNDS A LOT LIKE THE PHANTOM ZONE-- THE TWILIGHT-DIMENSION MY WORLD, KRYPTON, USED FOR A PRISON!

OUR ANTI-KILLING LAW WAS SO SUCCESSFUL, WE DECIDED TO APPLY IT TO ALL SUPER-BEINGS...INCLUDING YOU!

PREPARE TO ENTER THE 5TH CONTINUUM!

IT'S AGAINST MY CODE TO KILL! I'D DIE BEFORE I'D SNUFF OUT A LIFE!

REALLY? LET ME SHOW YOU TWO BRUTAL CRIMES YOU COMMITTED ONLY TODAY... AS TAPED BY MY MONITORS!

CLICK

M-ME? BUT I'M NO KILLER!

AS LINDA DANVERS, YOU CUT A FLOWER FROM ITS STEM FOR A CRUEL, BOTANICAL EXPERIMENT!

WHAAAAT?

IN A SECOND HEARTLESS ACT, YOU EXTINGUISHED YET ANOTHER LIFE BY DIPPING A BUTTERFLY IN ALCOHOL... THIS CLEARLY SHOWS HOW MONSTROUSLY INHUMAN YOU ARE!

HEARTLESS? INHUMAN?

YOU'D CONDEMN ME FOR KILLING A MERE *INSECT?* AND FOR CUTTING A *PLANT,* WHICH CAN'T EVEN *THINK* OR *FEEL?*

THEY WERE BOTH *LIVING THINGS!* YOU BROKE THE *ULTIMATE LAW!* PREPARE FOR YOUR *PUNISHMENT!*

HOLD IT, BUSTER! BEFORE YOU SEND ME INTO THAT *PRISON DIMENSION* OF YOURS, LET ME SAY SOMETHING IN MY OWN BEHALF!

I WANT TO BE FAIR! PROCEED, *SUPERGIRL!*

"I'VE PRESERVED THE LIVES OF EVEN THE MOST *VICIOUS* CREATURES! ONCE, WHEN THE RADIATION FROM AN AURORA REVIVED A PREHISTORIC REPTILE PRESERVED IN A GLACIER FOR EONS..."

"THAT BEAST HAD SLAIN A DOZEN MEN, BUT INSTEAD OF KILLING IT, I REFROZE IT IN A BLOCK OF ICE WITH MY SUPER-BREATH! THEN..."

THIS CREATURE IS FAR TOO SAVAGE FOR A MODERN EARTH! BUT I KNOW A WORLD WHERE HE'LL BE AT HOME!

RRROOAARR!

BULLETS CAN'T STOP THAT *DINOSAUR!*

KEEP FIRING! THE RADIO SAYS *SUPERGIRL'S* ON HER WAY!

"I FLEW HIM TO A 'LOST WORLD' PLANET, WHERE I KNEW HE'D BE HAPPY WITH OTHER BEASTS STILL IN THE SAME STAGE OF EVOLUTION..."

AS SOON AS MY HEAT VISION MELTS THE ICE-BLOCK, YOU CAN JOIN YOUR PLAYMATES, JUNIOR!

"AND ONCE, WHEN TWO FEUDING PLANETS DUELED WITH DOOMS-DAY BOMBS..."

:ULP: SOME OF THOSE WEAPONS CONTAIN GREEN KRYPTONITE, WHICH COULD KILL ME!

BUT I MUST KEEP OPERATING THIS BARRIER RAY I INVENTED UNTIL THOSE WORLDS MAKE PEACE... OR BILLIONS WILL DIE!

AS SUPERGIRL ENDS HER PLEA...

YES, YOU SAVED MANY LIVES... BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE KILLED! YOU ARE CONDEMNED TO THE 5TH CONTINUUM!

THIS KOOK REALLY MEANS IT... I HAVE TO FIGURE A WAY TO BUY SOME TIME!

OKAY... I ADMIT MY GUILT! BUT BEFORE YOU ZAP ME, I'D LIKE TO COMPLETE ONE MORE IMPORTANT MISSION FOR MY WORLD! I'LL REPORT BACK WHEN I'M THROUGH!

EVERYONE KNOWS YOU ALWAYS KEEP YOUR WORD. I'LL RELEASE YOUR ELECTRONIC BONDS!

PARKING HIS SHIP IN ORBIT, THE AVENGER FOLLOWS SUPERGIRL...

I MUST RECOVER SOME VITAL NOTES LEFT BY A MEDICAL RESEARCHER WHEN HE DIED. THE INFORMATION MAY PREVENT DANGEROUS EPIDEMICS!

DON'T TRY TO WORK ON MY SYMPATHIES, SUPERGIRL!

SOON, IN THE DARKENED LABORATORY...

I'D HELP YOU LOOK FOR THOSE NOTES, BUT IT'S TOO DARK... AND OUR RACE HAS NO SUPER-VISION, AS YOU HAVE!

HMM... THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!

YOU CAN HELP ME SEARCH IF YOU STRIKE A MATCH AND LIGHT THAT CANDLE!

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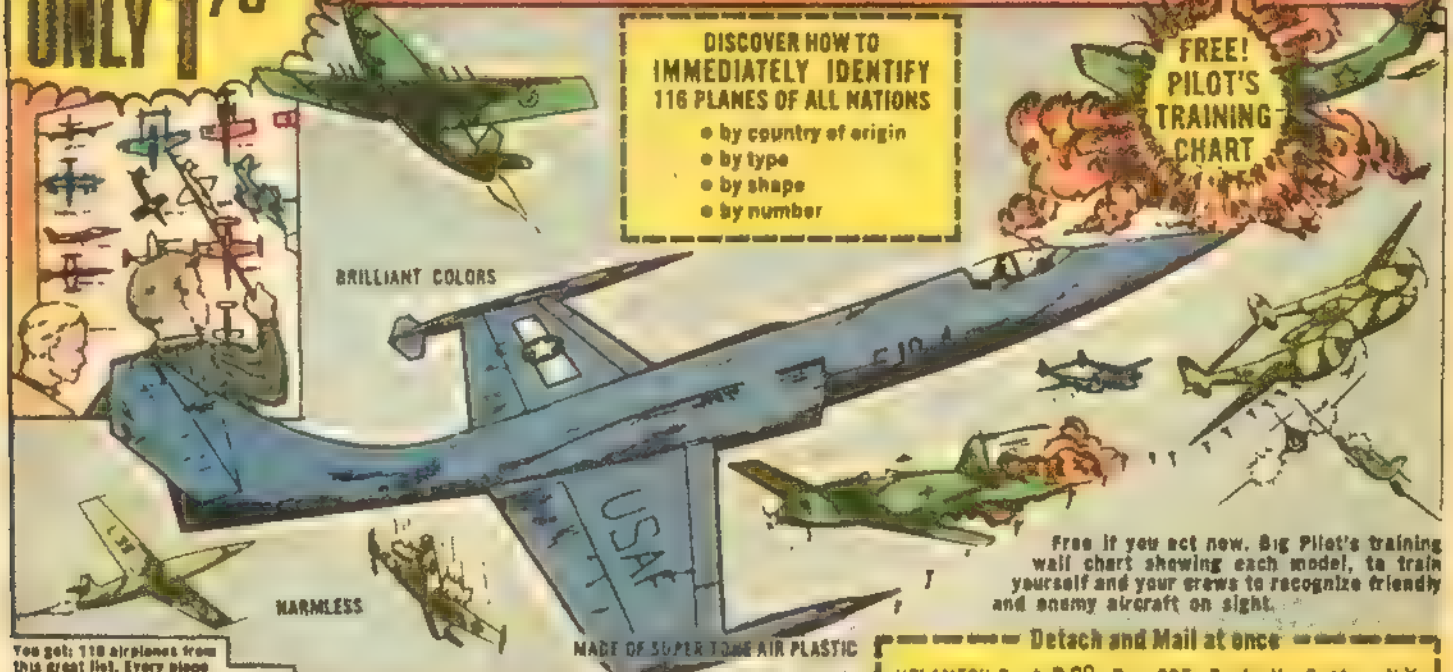

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SCRITCH!

THEN, AFTER HANDING THE MATCH TO THE *AVENGER*...

NOW LIGHT THE CANDLE'S WICK... AND YOU'LL HAVE ALL THE ILLUMINATION YOU NEED!

HE'S TAKING THE BAIT!

PRIMITIVE, BUT *CLEVER!*

A MOMENT LATER, THE *PRINCESS OF POWER* PICKS UP THE TEST-TUBE THAT WAS JUST ABOVE THE CANDLE...

SUPERGIRL, WHY DID YOU BREAK THAT GLASS CONTAINER?

I JUST WANTED TO SHOW YOU WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU LIT THE CANDLE!

I'LL PUT ONE OF THESE GLASS FRAGMENTS UNDER THAT MICROSCOPE AND LET YOU TAKE A PEEK!

CRASH!

SEE? *DEAD* MICROBES BY THE MILLIONS! THE DOCTOR HAD THEM IN THE TUBE FOR HIS EXPERIMENTS! THE HEAT OF THE CANDLE'S FLAME KILLED THEM WHEN YOU LIT IT WITH THAT MATCH!

HOW HORRIBLE! I VIOLATED THE *SUPREME* LAW!

NOW MAYBE HE'LL SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY!

DON'T BLAME YOURSELF, *AVENGER!* THOSE MICROBES WERE THE DEADLY GERMS OF *JUNGLE FEVER!*

FOR ANY OTHER SUPER-BEING, THE PUNISHMENT WOULD BE IMPRISONMENT IN THE *5TH CONTINUUM!* BUT FOR AN *AVENGER* THE SENTENCE IS... *OBLITERATION!*

NEVERTHELESS, *I KILLED!* I, AN *AVENGER*, DESTROYED *LIFE!*

I MUST PRESS THE *SELF-DESTRUCT BUTTON* ON MY BELT!

GOODBYE, SUPERGIRL! SINCE I AM A KILLER, I HAD NO RIGHT TO CONDEMN YOU!

¡GASP! HE DISSOLVED HIMSELF INTO A CLOUD OF ATOMIC PARTICLES!

VOOOSSHH!

POOR, MISGUIDED AVENGER! HIS ULTIMATE LAW WAS A GREAT IDEAL... BUT HE AND HIS RACE LET IT BECOME A MANIA!

LATER, AS SUPERGIRL TAKES OFF WITH THE EXPERIMENTAL RECORDS...

EVEN THOUGH HIS MIND WAS TWISTED, HIS CAUSE WAS NOBLE! THAT'S WHY I CARVED A STONE MONUMENT IN HIS HONOR!

TO THE AVENGER WHO DIED FOR THE ULTIMATE LAW "YOU SHALL NOT KILL!"

YET HE BROKE HIS CODE WHEN HE KILLED HIMSELF!

LATER, AS THE MAID OF STEEL RESUMES HER LINDA LEE DANVERS IDENTITY AT STANHOPE...

THAT PESKY INSECT IS DRIVING ME CRAZY! SWAT IT, LINDA!

N-NOT ME! I WOULDN'T HARM A FLY!

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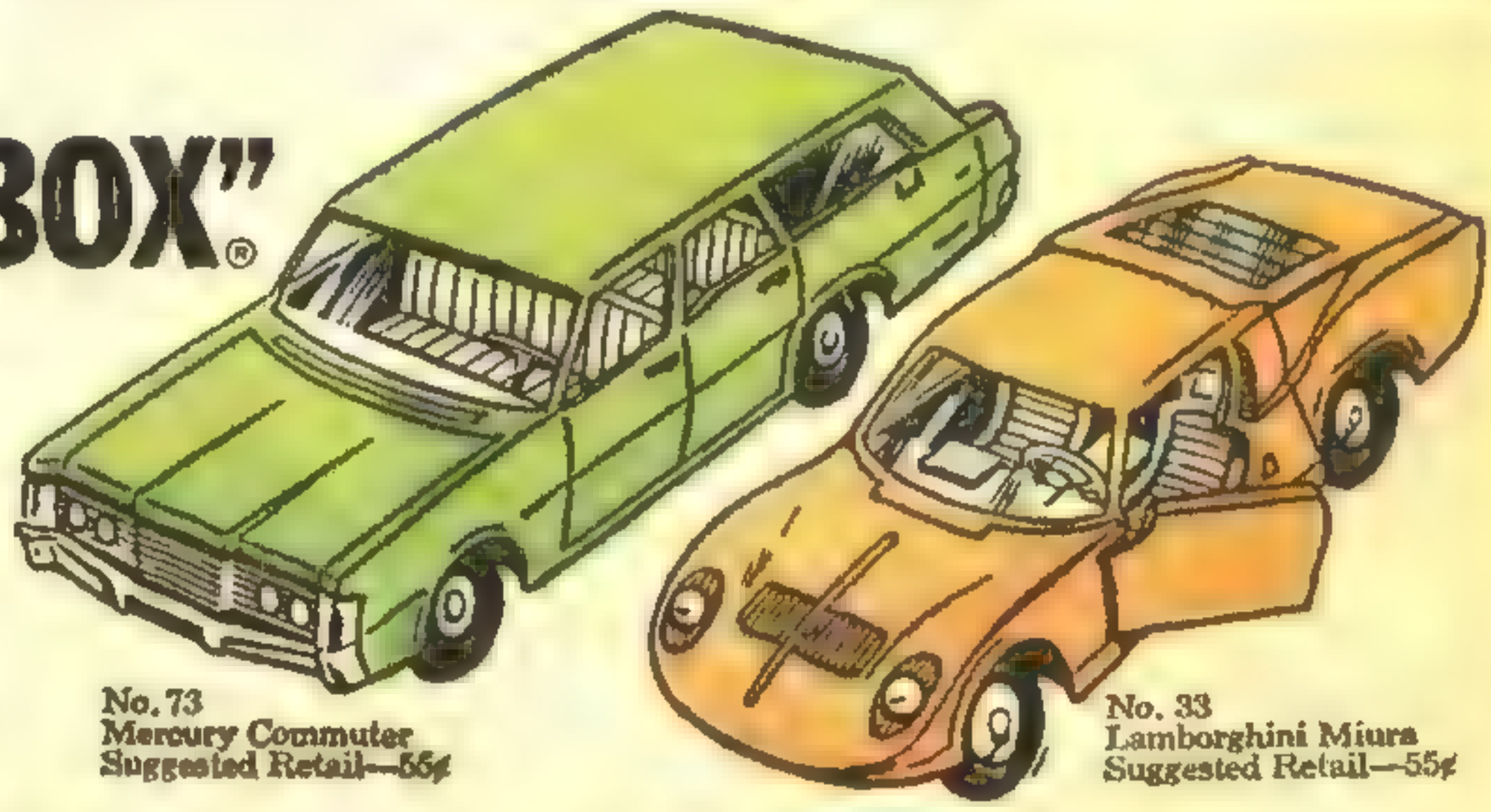

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Jeffrey Goldsmith, Hartsdale, N.Y., claims that "In 'Superman's Greatest Blunder,' the Man of Steel pulled a bigger boner than you thought. He broke his code against killing by killing the Sentinels." Wrong! The Sentinels were not living beings, but electronic devices. You can't kill what has never been alive. . . . Peter Kappesser, Pulaski, N.Y., asks, "In 'Supergirl's Shattered Marriage,' if (as the prognostron predicted) Supergirl's baby had inherited her powers, why was the child in a space suit, complete with helmet, when Supergirl took her along on her missions?" Would you believe it was to keep her from biting her nails?

R.D., New Westminster, B.C., Canada, has this question: "Why does Superman have bulging muscles if the work he does as Superman can be compared to lifting a pin for the average person?" When he doesn't have big jobs to do—like moving a planet—the Man of Might works out in his Fortress with special devices designed to tax even his muscles.

Robert Fare, St. Catharines, Ont., Canada, wants a new title for the letter page in ACTION: "I believe that 'Where the ACTION Is' would be an appropriate title, and the addition of an arrow below the logo, pointing to the letters, would be even more effective." We're seriously considering this title, which has been suggested by several other readers as well. The other leading candidate is 'ACTION Reaction.' When we've made a decision, we'll announce it in this space. . . . "I think Clark Kent should reveal his Superman identity to Perry White, suggests someone called Lovisi, Norfolk, Va. "This could be the first story in a new DC mag called SUPERMAN'S BOSS, PERRY WHITE." What a fan! Superman already appears in eight mags—and you want *more!*

Marianne Kreuter, Bronx, N.Y., has a question: "You say that the Phantom Zone criminals don't need food or air. Even so, is it possible for them to eat something?" While they're in the Zone, it isn't even possible for them to *touch* anything, because they're immaterial phantoms. . . . "In your magazines, Superman is constantly being threatened by Kryptonite," writes Rock Punt, Charlottesville, Va. "The star system of Krypton had to be at least eight light years away from Earth (the distance of the nearest red star). From that far away, it would be unlikely that Earth's system would attract one chunk of Kryptonite, much less the tons that have streaked down in the lifetime of Superman." The answer was in ACTION 370. There's a space-warp linking this system and Krypton's. The K got here through the warp.

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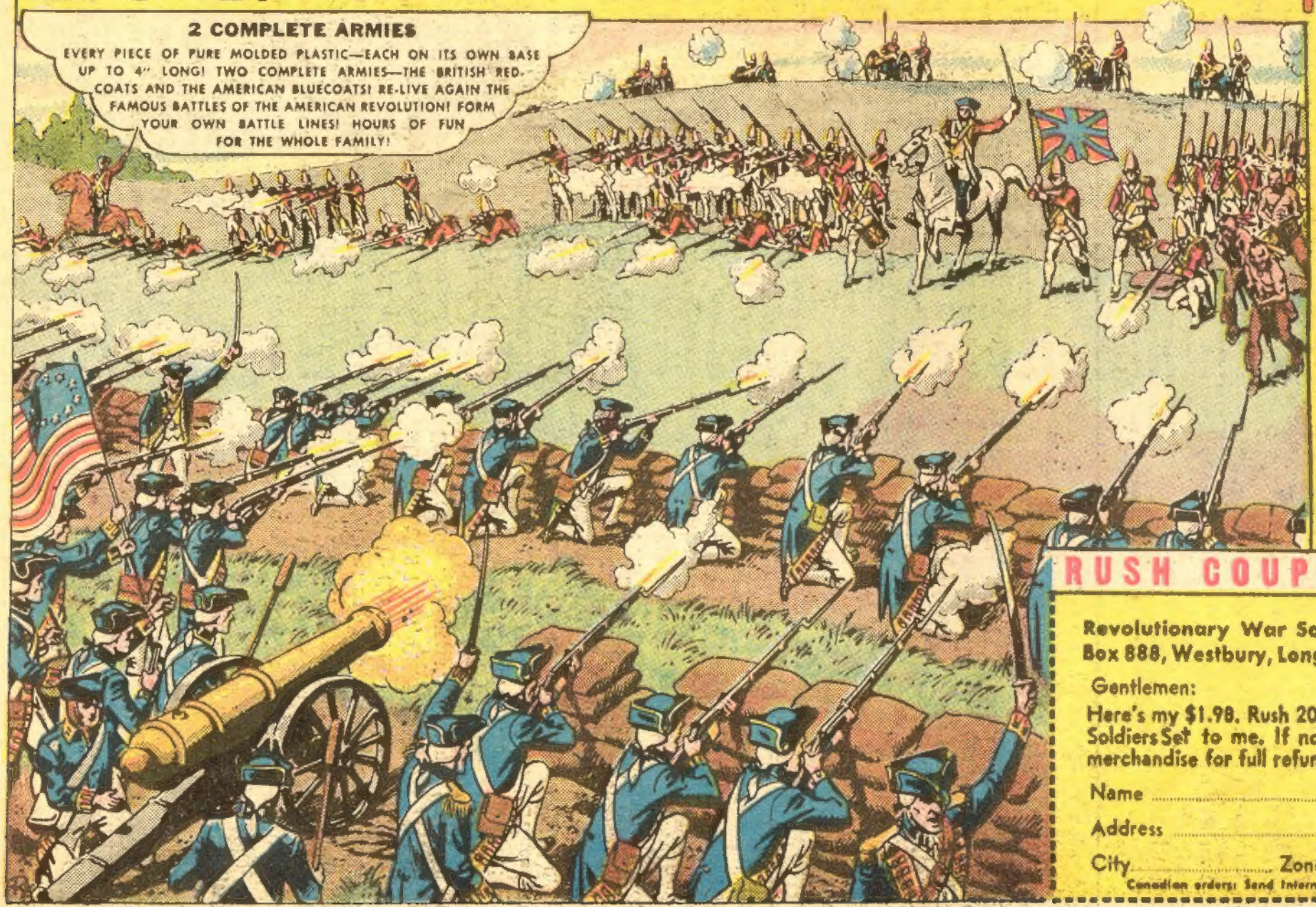

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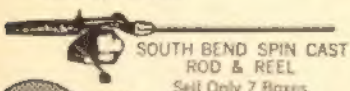

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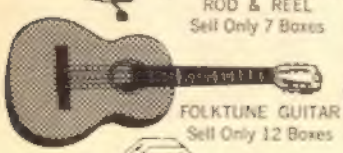

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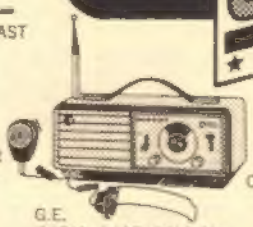

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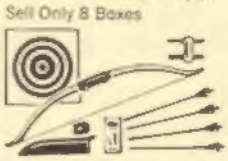

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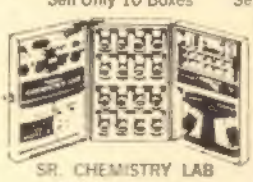

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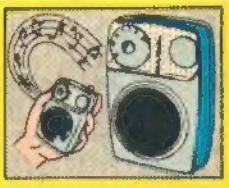
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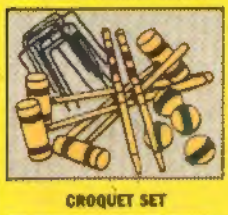
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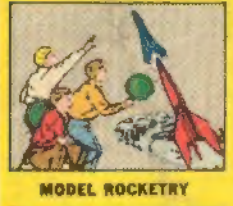
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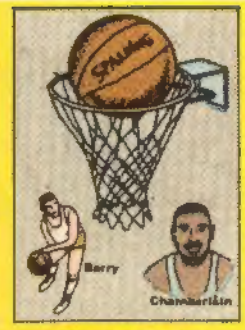
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